



**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY  
(RCW 34.05.310)**

**CR-101 (7/10/97)**

Do NOT use for expedited repeal or adoption

**Agency: Department of Labor and Industries**

**Subject of possible rule making:**

Chapter 296-62 WAC, General Occupational Health Standards  
Chapter 296-841 WAC, Respiratory Hazards

**(a) Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:**

RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, 49.17.060

**(b) Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:**

The Respiratory Protection rule is being rewritten and reorganized for clarity and ease of use for employers and employees. This rulemaking is part of our clear rule writing initiative to rewrite for clarity all the safety and health rules. Requirements are being clarified from two different sections of our current rules, WAC 296-62-071, Respirators, and WAC 296-62-075, Air Contaminants. These requirements are being brought together in one chapter and reorganized and clarified as chapter 296-841 WAC, Respiratory Hazards.

**(c) Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:**

No other state or federal agencies (other than OSHA) are known that regulate this subject.

**(d) Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):**

☐ Negotiated rule making

☐ Pilot rule making

☐ Agency study

☒ Other (describe)

**Parties interested in the formulation of these rules for proposal may contact the individuals listed below. The public may also participate by commenting after amendments are proposed by providing written comments or giving oral testimony during the public hearing process.**

**(e) How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:**

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